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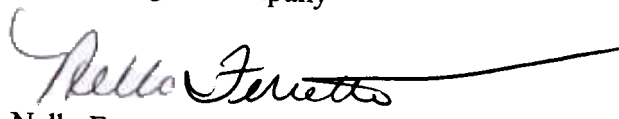
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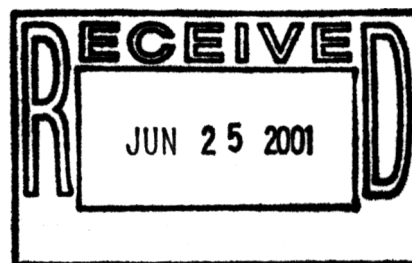
Re: Request for comments to be used in a review of 1990 amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Act – Docket number (CN-01-002), 66 FR 16440, March 26, 2001

Dear Ms. Rick,

As a cotton producer, I am greatly impressed by the results the industry has seen over the last decade. This does not say anything about the good things that the industry has accomplished previous to the latest 1990 amendments to the Cotton Research and Promotion Order. I had the opportunity to visit Cotton Incorporated's new headquarters last year. After completing that tour, I wrote a letter to all the sponsors of the trip. Attached is the body of that letter for your review. It says about everything. Producers are happy with the current program and I wish to express our company's affirmation of the current program.

Sincerely,
The Pentagon Company


Nello Ferretti



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Today we continue our regular duties with our ranch operations after being hosted by you and others for the tour of the Raleigh Cotton Inc headquarters. To say the least, "WOW!" This was a very worthwhile trip and well worth the time away from our busy operations. We all know this would not be possible without the support and sponsorship by companies such as yours. We know that you didn't expect or require a letter of acknowledgement, but we felt it was well deserved. We are better prepared to support programs such as Cotton Inc., which benefit all parties starting at the grower level long before the seed is put in the ground and end with the consumer receiving the finest possible product available. Most growers do not realize how many steps along the way are influenced or affected by the activities of Cotton Inc. Cotton Inc is a real credit to our industry and serves as a testimonial to the benefits that can be achieved with a proven and successful research and promotion check off program.

With this we extend to you our sincere thanks and our warmest regards,

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THIS IS THE LETTER WE SENT
TO SPONSORS OF THIS TRIP.
WE STILL FEEL THIS WAY

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